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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 6, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Paper includes:

Amendments to the Claims, which are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Drawings beginning on page 10 of this paper, including both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes;

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper; and

An **Appendix**, which includes amended drawing figures, is attached following page 19 of this paper.